

Talking Points with Participants

A. To encourage participants to appear for their October WIC appointment:

The WIC Program is feeling the impact of the government shutdown. During this difficult time, WIC is able to issue October checks. November and future month's checks will be issued to you at a later date once the shutdown is over and WIC begins to receive money again.

In order to be the most helpful to you, we strongly encourage you to get your paperwork completed now. That way, all you will need to do in November is sign to receive your checks. We will work with you in order to decide the best way to get those future checks in your hands.

B. General Points to share with all participants:

- DO NOT destroy any WIC checks that you already have. You may still be able to cash them.
- Keep your WIC appointment.
- You can still purchase foods with your October WIC checks.
- *New Alerts* on the Colorado WIC Program's web site is the place to go for up to date information, including when you can cash your checks at the grocery store.
- If you and your family need food:
 - ☐ Check with your county's SNAP Program (Food Stamps). Enroll if you are eligible.
 - ☐ Access information about charitable food assistance through Hunger Free Colorado's Hunger Free (toll free) Hotline: (855) 855-4626
 - ☐ Call the Colorado Family Health Line at (800) 688-7777 to learn about other health services available to you and your family